

## HJR 20 -- GENERAL ASSEMBLY TERM LIMITS

SPONSOR: Butler

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 10 to 0.

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment prohibits a person elected at an election held after November 1, 2106, from serving for more than 12 years in any one house of the General Assembly or more than 24 years total in both houses. Currently, no one can serve more than eight years in any one house of the General Assembly or more than 16 years total in both houses. Service of less than one year, in the case of a member of the House of Representatives, or two years, in the case of a member of the Senate, by a person elected at any time to complete the term of office of another person must not be counted.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this is a reasonable term limit proposal used in other states.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Butler and Missouri Municipal League.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.